

Fire Marshal's Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 30
9 am - 1 pm CDT
Rosenbauer America, South Dakota Division Tour
Lyons, SD

In attendance:

Board Members - Richard Broderick, Michael Harstad, Jim Strain, Rick Gustad, Jerry Diamond.
DPS Fire Marshal's Office - Glenda Marks, Doug Hinkle, Paul Merriman.

Rosenbauer Plant Tour:

Welcome from President and CEO Harold Boer, Mr. Boer thanked board members for coming to the plant, gave a brief history of the operation, and discussed a large and very successful all hazards, county wide training exercise recently held near Lyons, will nearly 170 first responders in attendance.

Meeting Minutes:

Call to order and roll call – Paul Merriman

Michael Harstad introduced a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Strain and the minutes were approved.

Fire Marshal's Office Updates:

Paul Merriman, reported on the office recently created a facebook page asking for the boards ideas and input regarding content for the page.

Paul Merriman and Doug Hinkle informed the board of the decision rendered by the SD Retirement System, in regard to Deputy Fire Marshal's participation in the Class B retirement system. As the statute reads currently, Deputy Marshal's do not meet eligibility requirements.

Other Business/Open Discussion:

Jerry Diamond updated the board on the Independent Insurance Agents of South Dakota matching of funds related to the firefighter essentials grant program. The IIASD Board feels the program is a good way to support firefighter training in SD, and is interested in providing a match again this year.

Richard Broderick discussed briefly school security and recent ACAMs assessments. The group talked about the importance of the fire service having a voice in the process.

Michael Harstad brought to the attention of the board, an incident involving tannerite binary targets in a wash machine drum. It was reported that the explosion was felt up to ¾ of a mile away. Law enforcement was looking into the incident.

Jim Strain passed along that he would like the board to consider looking at legislation to ban the use of exploding targets, due to a recent number of fire-related events. This will be an ongoing agenda item.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Michael Harstad and seconded by Jim Strain.

Next Meeting Date:

Next meeting will be held Tuesday October 29, 2013, from 10-2pm at the Independent Insurance Agents of South Dakota Office in Ft. Pierre, SD.